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Morning Briefing Notes

A. Immediate Attention and/or Action

B. Importance During the Day

C. Additional Key Telegrams

Cambodia

The Secretary approved delivery of the Department's proposed message (TOSEC 15) to Kantol, Prime Minister/Foreign Minister.

Saigon's 5202 reports British Chargé and Military Attaché in Phnom Penh both consider allegations of Viet Cong use of Cambodian territory to be exaggerated. On various visits to border areas they say no evidence was seen of large units of VC or NVN use of main border crossing roads. However, no visitors allowed into two provinces south of Route 19 along border and British feel even Cambodians do not really know what is taking place in that area. British Chargé Fielding believes Sihanouk wishes ICC expanded but not to point of real effectiveness which would cause hard VC reaction against RKG. He wants to be in position to protect himself from all parties including VC and sees moderately expanded ICC as one method. Fielding also believes we should pass hard factual information on VC use of Cambodia to Sihanouk.

Thailand

Ambassador Martin asked the UK Ambassador Rumbold if the British could add troops and helicopters to their engineer forces in Northeast Thailand now that UK troops could be released from confrontation in Malaysia. Rumbold doubted this would be possible but thought UK participation in SVN might be increased on civilian side.

Ambassador Martin suggested that Secretary Rusk might touch on this question with Michael Stewart in Brussels and commented that he could arrange for Thanat to see Stewart when he stops in Bangkok ~~when he is~~ on way to Canberra. (Bangkok's 2623)

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